

Amendments to the Claims:

1.-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 14 ~~[[2]]~~, wherein the micronized plant fibers are in the form of microparticles, wherein at least 90% by weight of said microparticles ~~which~~ are between 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , inclusive, in size.

4. Cancelled

5. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the plant fibers are chosen from fibers derived:

- from nutritional plants chosen from cereals, leguminous plants, edible plants and fruits,  
or
- from plants used by the paper industry, chosen from trees, sugarcane, bamboo and cereal straw.

6. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the plant fibers derived from cereals are chosen from wheat, barley, oat, maize, millet, rice, rye and sorghum fibers, and malted equivalents thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the fibers derived from nutritional plants, other than cereals, are chosen from fibers derived from apples, pears, grapeseeds, lupin and soya seeds, tomatoes, peas and coffee.

8. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said plant fibers are in the form of a nutritional composition ~~[[is]]~~ for reducing the bioavailability of ochratoxin A, aflatoxins, fumonisin and/or deoxynivalenol, and the micronized plant fibers are chosen from wheat fibers and oat fibers, and mixtures thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the nutritional composition is for reducing ochratoxin A bioavailability, and the plant fibers are micronized wheat fibers in the form of microparticles, wherein 90% by weight of said micronized wheat fibers ~~which~~ are less than or equal to 100  $\mu$ m in size.

10. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said plant fibers are in the form of a ~~[[the]]~~ nutritional composition ~~[[is]]~~ in the form of a food supplement, and wherein the amount of said plant fibers in said supplement represents up to 100% by weight of the total weight of said supplement.

11. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amount of said plant fibers in said supplement is between 80% and 100% by weight of the total weight of said supplement.

12. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said micronized plant fibers ~~the nutritional composition is intended for human nutrition, and it is~~ are in the form of a nutritional ingredient, and further comprising the step of adding said micronized plant fibers to be added during the manufacture of a food product at a rate of from 0.05% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of said food product.

13. (Currently Amended) The method composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein said micronized plant fibers are in the form of a ~~[[the]]~~ nutritional composition ~~[[is]]~~ intended for animal nutrition, and said nutritional composition ~~[[it]]~~ is in the form of a starting material to be added to the daily food intake which is given to domestic or breeding animals, or to be incorporated, as an ingredient, during the manufacture of said daily food intake ~~a complete feed~~ for domestic or breeding animals at a rate of from 0.05% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of ~~the~~ said food intake ~~or of the complete feed~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~preparing a nutritional composition~~ for reducing mycotoxin bioavailability in humans or animals, when a food liable to be contaminated with said mycotoxin is ingested, comprising administering to said human or animal incorporating into a feed product essentially insoluble micronized plant fibers in the form of microparticles, wherein at least 90% by weight of said microparticles ~~which~~ are less than 700  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the plant fibers are in the form of microparticles, wherein at least 90% by weight of said microparticles ~~which~~ are less than or equal to 400  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14 for reducing the bioavailability of ochratoxin A, aflatoxins, fumonisin and/or deoxynivalenol, wherein the micronized plant fibers are chosen from wheat fibers and oat fibers, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the plant fibers are micronized wheat fibers in the form of microparticles, and wherein 90% by weight of said microparticles ~~which~~ are less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said micronized plant fibers comprise a ~~[[the]]~~ food product is in the form of a food supplement, and the amount of said plant fibers in said supplement represents up to 100% by weight of the total weight of said supplement.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim 18 ~~[[14]]~~, wherein the food product is intended for human nutrition, and the method comprises adding the plant fibers during the manufacture of the food product at a rate of from 0.05% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of said food product.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 ~~[[14]]~~, wherein the food product is intended for animal nutrition, and the method comprises adding the plant fibers during the manufacture of a complete food for domestic or breeding animals at a rate of from 0.05% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the food intake or of the complete food.

21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of administering said micronized plant fibers in the form of a nutritional composition.